and after examination the recommendation will be sent to Ministry of Finance.

Import of Formulations by Drug Companies

2635. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of imported formulations being imported by drug companies from their principals and their associates and what are the names of the companies and their principals;

(b) what was the import, in value and quantity, of each, imported by each company during the last three years and at what CIF price;

(c) what are the names of products exempted from custom duty and what is the present selling price of each;

(d) whether any of those products are being manufactured in the country if so, the names of those products and the names of their producers and what is the present selling price of each; and

(e) whether it is a fact that certain products attracts excise duty both on formulations as well as bulk drug, if so, what steps have been taken to accord exemption of excise duty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) The imports of formulations by drug companies either from their principals or their associates is not monitored by the Government.

(c) The names of formulations exempted from customs duty are given in the Notification No. 208/Customs dated 22.9.81 as amended from time to time, copy of which is available in the Parliament library. The prices of the imported formulations falling in price controlled category are fixed in accordance with the provisions of DPCO-1987. The number of imported formulations being very large, the effort and time involved in compiling the present selling prices will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

(d) and (e) Whenever the production of any of these imported formulations is started in the country the exemption from excise and customs duty on such imported formulations are suitably adjusted on the request of the manufacturers. The exemption from excise on formulations and bulk drugs is granted from time to time, on merits.

Liabilities due to overcharging of prices

2636. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:
SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that he has directed that those companies, which do not pay their laibilities due to overcharging of prices, their cases would be referred to collector, for realisation of amount due as arrears of Land Revenue;

(b) if so, when;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this direction was floated by the Department;

(d) if so, what action has been taken against the concerned;

(e) what are the details of cases where reference was made to the Collector and what is the final result in each case; and

(f) what are the details of cases where reference is yet to be made and what is the amount involved in each case and what are the reasons for withholding reference?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The liabilities have been worked out tentatively against most of the companies. All efforts are being made to compute the final liabilities as

quickly as possible. In a number of cases the progress has been hampered on account of on receipt of complete data for the entire relevant period. The companies have been informed that in case they do not supply the data, the Government would be left with no alternative but to compute their liabilities on the basis of whatever data becomes available from wherever. Only after finalising the liabilities their cases would be referred to the Collector for realisation of amount due as arreas of land revenue. There is no question of flouting of directions in this regard. The details of liabilities worked out in each case were given in the statement referred to in reply to part (d) of Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 142 answered on 3.12.1992.

(c) and (f) The case of recovery against M/s Sandoz was referred to the Collector for realisation of amount due with interest as arrears of land revenue. Thereafter M/s Sandoz have got a stay Order from the Bombay High Court/ Supreme Court. Recovery certificate, would be sent to the Collector at the appropriate time in the other cases, keeping in view the stay orders, other orders etc. of the Courts.

Sale of Haldia Fertilizers Plant

2637. SHRIMATI SARALA MAHESHWARI:
SHRI MD. SALIM:
SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to sell the Haldia Fertilizer plant;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the estimated liability of the project;

(d) the manner in which Government propose to put on sale the project; and

(e) the steps contemplated by Government to rehabilitate the employees that would be rendered unemployed as a consequence thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHIMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) While various possibilities of rehabilitating/restructuring of Haldia Fertilizer Project as part of the larger problem of rehabilitating the parent company, i.e. Hindustan Fertilizer corporation (HFC) are being explored, particularly in the context of reference to BIFR, no specific decision to sell the Haldia Project has been taken.

(c) Upto November, 1992 an amount of Rs. 697.46 crores has been incurred on the Haldia Fertilizer Project.

(d) In view of the reply to parts (a), (b) & (d) above, the question does not arise.

Quota of foodrains and essential commodities of the States

@2638. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to improve the management of foodgrains and other essential commodities through public distribution system;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the percentage of shortfall in the total subsidy;

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to reduce administrative overheads of total subsidy; and

(c) the break-up of the composition of total subsidy for the last three years?

THE MINISTER STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (e) Strengthening and streamlining of Public Distribution System (PDS) is a continu-